

## RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



153 South McKenna Ave.

Gretna, Nebraska 68028

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April 7, 2019

10:45 a.m. Worship

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Contemporary Worship Service  
April 7, 2019

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**GATHER**

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**Praise Team Welcome**

**Outer Court Worship Song – Friend Of God**

**Christian Welcome**

**Family News – Announcements**

**Family Greeting**

**Inner Court Worship Song – Grace Flows Down**

**Prayer of the Day**

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**WORD**

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**Lesson**

Isaiah 43:16-21

**Lesson**

Philippians 3:4b-14

**Gospel**

John 12:1-8

**Children's Message**

**Message**

**Holy of Holies Worship Song – Alpha And Omega**

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**RESPONSE**

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**Creed**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offering Song – Give Thanks**

**Offering Prayer**

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**SENDING**

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**Blessing**

**Outer Court Worship Song – Awesome Is The Lord Most High**

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*We welcome you to Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church!  
We hope our time together will be a blessing to you!*

**Fellowship Sheet for Members and Guests**—Welcome to our worship. You are in the right place! Please fill out the fellowship sheet that is inserted in your bulletin, then drop it in the offering plate (along with your pencil if you are at the second service). Thanks for worshipping with us today!

**Flowers** are given by Fred and Ruth Hartman and family in loving memory of Cheri Ann Hartman

**Bulletins** are given by Connie Walters

## **CURRENT HAPPENINGS**

**Welcome to Our Lenten Speaker** Please welcome Bill Lewis from the Gretna Neighbors Food Pantry. He is here to share information about what kind of services they offer at the food pantry and how many people they serve. They will be receiving our Lenten offering on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Confirmation Class Events** The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation classes will present the Living Portrait of the Last Supper this Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

The 6-8 grade confirmation classes will take a field trip to Mosaic on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. We will meet to carpool at 12:30 p.m. here at RELC. We welcome any parents willing to drive.

**Red Cross Blood Mobile** The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 216 will be sponsoring the Red Cross Bloodmobile tomorrow from 12:30-6:30 p.m. They will be in our Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Iske at 402-332-3827.

**Gretna Public Library** The GPL will be offering a Yoga for Kids class for grades K-5<sup>th</sup> on April 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The GPL will offer a special presentation by David Dietze featuring Scuba Diving Underwater Photos and how to get into Scuba Diving on April 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

**Quarterly Offering Statements** First quarter offering statements will be distributed to all members that gave during January, February and March 2019. Over 90 members signed up to receive their statements via email. Please watch your email or post office box for your statements! As always, please contact Desiree Stednitz M-W, 8am–3pm at [desiree.stednitz@relchurch.net](mailto:desiree.stednitz@relchurch.net) or 402-332-3383 if you have any questions, concerns or changes.

**Immediate Opening for Nursery Coordinator** We have an immediate opening for the Nursery Coordinator position. This is a paid position. Applicant will need to be available for Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings and special events. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the church office to apply for this position. Thank you!



**RELC Spring Cleaning-DATE CHANGE** Members of RELC, due to other things going on at the church on the 27<sup>th</sup> and due to the fact that Mother Nature is in full force Spring Mode, we have decided to hold the Spring Cleanup on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. instead. This will allow us to beautify our church property prior to Easter and have the Rummage Sale go forward without any distractions. Please join us as we cut back the plants to make room for new growth, clean the plant beds, apply weed control and a fresh layer of mulch. Bring your wheelbarrows, clippers, pruners, rakes, blowers, etc. let's all make Resurrection as beautiful on the outside as it is on the inside. With enough help, we think we should be complete in around 2 hours.

**Who is My Neighbor?** Join Erick Hill, for a study group looking at "Unity in a Divided World." Engaging in conversations about race and diversity. Participants will use Deidra Riggs's (2017) book: "One: Unity in a Divided World" for this six-week study. The book can be purchased on-line. Approximate cost is \$11.00. Participants will also receive a study guide. You can either purchase the book online yourself or put a check in the offering plate and have the office order it for you. Remember to put "One: Unity in a Divided World Book Study" in the memo line. **All orders are due by April 14<sup>th</sup>.**



***Dates:*** April 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2  
***Time:*** 9:45 a.m. – between services

**Easter Egg Hunt for Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade!** Congregation, the Local and World Service Team will be hosting an Easter egg hunt again this year, with the intent to raise money for Kids Against Hunger. We need help from the congregation in order to make this happen. First, we will have "tickets" taped to windows by the Resurrection Café. Please take a ticket in the dollar amount you would like to donate and take an envelope and place the ticket and donation amount in the offering plate or turn in to the office by Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. We will have the kids do the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday at 10:15, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Weather permitting, it may be outside.

**Easter Lenten Bags** The Local and World Service Team will have empty grocery bags by their bulletin board (between the Nursery room doors). If you want to help Project Hope replenish their dwindling supply of food, this is a great time to do it. Just pick the bag with the list of items on the front of the bag, fill the bag and return to the same area by Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday. We will deliver the grocery items during that week. Thank you so much for helping those in need this Easter season!

**Nebraska Synod Disaster Response Fund** If you are interested in giving to the help those effected by the NE flooding go to <https://nebraskasynod.org/> or you can mail your contribution with "Nebraska Floods" in the memo line to Nebraska Synod ELCA, 6757 Newport Avenue, Ste. 200, Omaha, NE 68152.

**Message from the Health Ministry Team** Here's an opportunity for us all to be intentional about physical activity. Please join us as we journey together to the cross this Lenten season. **Walking to the Cross** is a wonderful book for a 40-day Lenten devotional and physical activity program that provides a daily devotion, and an opportunity to track our daily physical activity minutes and other reflections for the day. As participants turn in their minutes weekly -- let's see how far we collectively travel during this Lenten season! This program starts on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Good Friday. The Health Ministry Team will have a table to sign up between services on Sunday.

**Lenten Meal & Worship Service** Join us this Lenten season for a mid-week meal around the dinner table on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by an evening Lenten worship at 7:00 p.m. Each week a team from Resurrection will help prepare, serve and clean-up. Please join us as we enjoy a meal and fellowship together and experience the "Open My Life" Lenten resource.

***Lenten Serving Group:*** Church Council

***Lenten Menu:*** Spaghetti, meatballs, meat sauce, alfredo sauce, garlic bread, pizza bread, salads, fresh fruit, desserts

**Worship & Music Team** We are in need of a new **Chief Banner Hanger**. This position mainly includes intermittent rotation of the banners in the sanctuary and fellowship hall, along with the seasonal banner behind the altar in the fellowship hall. We thank the Reineke family for their years of service doing this. They have offered to show the new person where the banners are and how to follow the ELCA church season calendar.

They are also looking for a **piano accompanist** for our new Saturday worship service that will begin on April 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30 p.m. This is a paid position and you will practice on your own time at home.

If you only have a small amount of time to volunteer each month, either of these positions could be right for you. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

**RELC Archives Team** If you have any stories with pictures of how the church was in years past and would like to share them, please contact Jim Eichner at [Eichnerj6527@msn.com](mailto:Eichnerj6527@msn.com).

**Save the Date: VBS June 23-27** Mark your calendar! Plans for the Roar!



Themed VBS 2019 in June are underway. All registration and t-shirts are FREE. There will be no cost to you. The dates are set, now we just need some volunteers to make this a fun-filled learning experience for your children. Our next planning sessions will be from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on:

Thursdays-4/11, 5/9, and Saturday-6/21. Registrations and t-shirts are free, so get signed up online at [bit.ly/2MMV5jX](http://bit.ly/2MMV5jX). We need lots of volunteers too, so please sign up to help at [bit.ly/2sVjD18](http://bit.ly/2sVjD18). If you have any questions, please email Tyler at [Tyler.Johnson@relchurch.net](mailto:Tyler.Johnson@relchurch.net).

**Offering Envelopes** Please pick up your offering envelopes today! If you are signed up to receive offering envelopes and you haven't already picked yours up, please stop by the table outside of the Fellowship Hall and take them home with you today.



## ONGOING HAPPENINGS

**Mid-Week Programming** Join us every Wednesday evening for special programming for all youth and choirs.

Programming includes: Chancel Choir-6:00pm, Bell Choir-6:30pm  
Nursery(Pre-K-K)-6:00-8:00pm, Lambs(1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> gr.)-6:30pm,  
Confirmation(6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> gr)-6:15pm, Underground(9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> gr.)-6:30pm

**Nursery Help Needed** We are in need of a few subs for the nursery on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings and special events. Please contact the church office if you would like to know more about this position or to be put on the sub list. **This is a paid position.** You must be at least 18 years old and fill out a background check form if you don't already have one filled out. Thank you for your help!

**Faith Family Trekkers** The Faith Family Trekkers continue to walk through the winter months at Chalco on the weekends. Contact Sue Lobsiger to be added to the text messenger group for scheduling at ([sue.lobsiger@gmail.com](mailto:sue.lobsiger@gmail.com); [402.689.7658](tel:402.689.7658))



### **Coming up:**

- Join the Trekkers this month as we participate in the Lenten devotional "Walk to the Cross" where we combine spiritual and physical wellness. All are welcome!

**Low Impact Aerobics Class** The Health Ministry team would like to remind everyone that we offer a low impact aerobics class every Friday from 9:00-9:40 a.m.



We love our weekly attendees but would love to see some new faces as well. Our class consists of approximately 20 minutes of cardio work. We do only marching or side stepping and an occasional grape vine, no high impact! We use bottles of water or light weights of your choice or no weights at all. We then do approx. 15 min. of toning and a 5-min. cool down.

If you would like to find a way to a healthier you this year come and join us. There is no cost and it comes with good fellowship and some good laughs. This class is led by Nicki Ayer and Linda Anderson.

**OWLS News!** Join us on the second Wednesday of this month at 3:30 p.m. for a fun game of Bunko and some card games. Join us after for a fellowship meal at 5:30 p.m.

Come to dinner with us on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of this month, April 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. (note time change for spring and summer) for our monthly dinner out at Famous Dave's on 120<sup>th</sup> and L St. Please get signed up on the OWLS bulletin board by April 21<sup>st</sup>. Each month we will choose a new location. Get signed up, anyone over 50 is welcome!

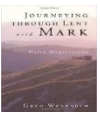
**Parenting Our Parents (POP) Support Group** Join a new small group for those who are providing care for parents. Come share experiences and devotions, offer encouragement and examine resources available with the hope of experiencing a more loving and respectful attitude toward caregiving.

All are welcome as we support each other through fellowship and discussion.

**Our next meeting will be Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at RELC.**

Contact Brenda Fleck or Sheri Feala for more information.

**Adult Forum-Journeying Through Lent with Mark** Stop by the Conference Room each Sunday between services at 9:45 a.m., we will embark with St. Mark on a 46-day journey of reflection on Jesus' life, death, and resurrection and what this means to you as a disciple. We look forward to sharing this journey with you.



**Tabletop Adventure Group (TAG)** Join us on **April 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the RELC. Players will bring their pre-made character sheets for a night of adventure, fun, and fellowship. If you're new, come join us!



Individuals interested that don't have characters are welcome to come, as we will have pre-generated characters you can choose from for this session! Please eat beforehand and come ready to adventure at 6:30 p.m.!

**Theology on Tap** Please join on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Brag N Rights in Gretna. All adults over 21 are invited to join us as we enjoy a beverage and discuss whatever topic arises.

**Text Study** Join us each week at 10:00 a.m. as we learn about the week's lessons and gospels from the bible. Each week we will study at a new location. Contact Pr. James for details.

**Blood Pressure Checks** Thank you to the Health Ministry team for offering free blood pressure checks every third Sunday of the month between services. Please stop by the church office to get yours checked.

**Cribbage Night** Cribbage will meet the fourth Tuesday of every month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Courtyard. All are welcome!

**Hospital Visits** Hospitals usually don't contact us when you go into the hospital due to the privacy act. If you or a family member is going into

the hospital, be sure and let the office know so that we can be there for you with prayerful support.

**Café Help Needed** The Café is open and the sheet to sign-up to help is located on the bulletin board. The Café person is responsible for making coffee, cutting up doughnuts and making sure everything is available between services. They are also responsible for cleanup (rinsing out the coffee pots and placing the dirty glasses over on the dishwasher). Café volunteers do not need to pick up doughnuts in the morning. That will be done by an Outreach Team Member.

**Flowers & Bulletins Sign-Up** Please sign up for flowers and bulletins on our new 2019 sign-up sheets on the south bulletin board. Find a date that works for you. The suggested donation for bulletins is \$20.

If you are interested in signing up for flowers, as always Town & Country Floral gives all Gretna churches altar flowers at cost. They will also deliver and set them up for you. Thank you for your generosity!

**TAGG - you're it!** Don't forget to download the TAGG app and help us



raise more in 2019. We have raised \$513.05 thus far. The Local and World Service Team would like you to bring in your receipts. Drop them off at the office and they will upload them for you. When you purchase from a business

that participates in TAGG, they will donate up to 5% of your total purchase to your organization. All you must do is upload your receipt. Money donated to RELC will help fund our Good Samaritan Fund which will be used to help transients and others in need. Look for more info at [www.togetheragreatergood.com/](http://www.togetheragreatergood.com/)

**Quilting Group** We meet at 1:00 p.m. in the quilting room on the second and fourth Tuesdays. All are welcome!! You do not have to be a quilter or know how to sew to come. You can also sew quilt tops at home. The quilters are always looking for old blankets and sheets of any size.

**The Dorcas Circle** We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the church library, which is located at the south end of the educational wing. We welcome new members. Our gatherings start with coffee and a light snack before we study the lesson.

**New Books for Dorcas Circle** are available for \$8.00 each. Stop by the church office to pick up yours today.

**Food Pantry Corner** Donations are being accepted for food items. Please drop items by the Outreach Corner with the yellow shelving for either Project Hope or Gretna Neighbors Food Pantries. Project Hope will also take some gently used clothing items, but no other items accepted.

**Save your Best Choice Labels!** Deposit them in the container located by the Outreach Corner with the yellow shelving.

**Aluminum Can Collection!** Bring your empty cans to the container outside of the west door of the church-in the alley. The proceeds will fund the H. S. youth.



## **THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION**

- Sunday, 4/7** 8:30 am Traditional Communion Worship Service  
9:40 am Sunday School  
9:45 am Adult Forum  
9:45 am VBS Volunteer Training  
10:45 am Contemporary Worship Service  
1:00 pm POPs  
2:00-5:00 pm Certified CPR Training
- Monday, 4/8** 12:30-6:30 pm Red Cross Blood Mobile  
6:30 pm Property
- Tuesday, 4/9** 10:00 am Text Study  
1:00 pm Quilters  
7:00 pm Outreach
- Wednesday, 4/10** 3:30 pm OWLS  
5:30 pm Mid-Week Meal  
6:00 pm Chancel Choir  
6:00 pm Living Portrait of the Last Supper  
6:15 pm Lambs  
6:15 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Instruction  
6:15 pm Confirmation  
6:15 pm Underground  
6:30 pm Bell Choir  
6:30 pm Health Ministry  
7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service  
7:30 pm Praise Band
- Thursday, 4/11** 6:00 pm Worship & Music  
6:30 pm GPL-Yoga for Kids  
7:00 pm VBS Leadership Team Meeting
- Friday, 4/12** 9:00 am Low Impact Aerobics  
3:00 pm Hymn Sing @ SilverRidge  
6:00 pm GPL Scuba Diving Underwater Present.  
6:30 pm TAG
- Saturday, 4/13** 7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Billy's Café  
9:00 am Walking Group @ Chalco  
12:30 pm 6-8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Carpool to Mosaic
- Sunday, 4/14** 8:30 am Traditional Worship Service  
9:35 am B & M Meeting  
9:40 am Sunday School  
9:45 am Adult Forum  
9:45 am VBS Volunteer Training  
10:45 am Contemporary Communion Worship Service  
2:00-5:00 pm The Passion of the Christ

## **ATTENDANCE**

### ***Traditional 87 Contemporary 96 Lent 123***

Hello Church Family - February envelope giving was SIGNIFICANTLY affected by the weather which cancelled services and lowered attendance overall. If you aren't using our automated giving or you were unable to attend services due to Mother Nature, you may have missed giving in February. Please prayerfully consider a make-up offering for February and consider signing up for our automated giving to help us keep a balanced budget. Thank you!

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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| April 8  | Red Cross Blood Mobile                              |
| April 10 | OWLS Bunco & Pitch                                  |
| April 11 | VBS Leadership Team Meeting                         |
| April 14 | The Passion of the Christ Movie Showing             |
| April 18 | Maundy Thursday Worship Service                     |
| April 19 | Good Friday Worship Service                         |
| April 20 | Easter Vigil Blended Worship Service                |
| April 21 | Easter Worship Services, Breakfast, Easter Egg Hunt |

# PRAYERS

*Be still, and know that I am God...*

## **Our shut-in members and those in the assisted living and nursing**

**homes:** Keith Barkley, Carol Schlueter, Marge Warren, Harold Hansen, Jim Schram, Delores Short, Delores Kreifels, Jackie Mowinkel, Joan Bohling, Thelma Mowinkel

**Healing and courage:** Jerry Walker, Tiffany Honeyman's step sister-Cory Martain and family, Jen Hardy's in laws-Don and Sandra Hardy, Lexi Wagner's friend-Madi Krauter, Charlotte Pfeffer and Christine Cullinane's granddaughter-Emilie Bauer, Jeanne Fleck's daughter-Jayne Pool, Brian Roeber's father-Willis Roeber, Richard Ayer's sister-Margaret Curtis, Larry Kersten, Pr. Jim Holthus, Kim Palle, Harold Hansen, Denise McKay, Lois Nore, Judy Kersten's friend, Joyce Zimmerman's husband-Mike Zimmerman, Alvin and JoAnn Glasshoff's daughter-Dawn Allbery, Carolyn Hoyer's daughter-Angela Biggerstaff, Linda Karas' mother-Margie Biel, Kelli Barnhart's sister-Robin Maestle, Liz Flynn's mother-Sue Lutton, Sarah Nordhues' uncle-Ken Walker, Jan Sharples, Fred Hartman, Brandon and Luke Pyle, Denise McKay's sister-Kathy Ewert, Robert Walbridge Sr.-Church Custodian Co., Delores Armstrong, Jeanne Ralston's friend-Amy LaFontaine, Craig Gissler, Gwen Reier, Duane Strong, Schlechte's German foreign exchange student-Judith Willers, Kelli Barnhart's mother, Birgit Schlechte's mother-Elisabeth Höhn, Roger Asche, Morris Palle, Sandy Brehmer, Jeanne Ralston's mother-Pauline Bartlett, Marsha Wilderdyke, Elaine Ney, Klaus Langmaack

**Birthdays:** Lincoln Hjelm, Daryl Jahn, Duane Strong, Louis Essen, Joey Petrigash, Jon Ellingson, Lloyd Lemke, Erin North, Doug Ayer, Jake Derr

**Concord Sister Congregation** Please pray for our sister congregation, Concordia Lutheran Church in Concord, NE. Concordia was picked as our "Building on a Foundation" Partner at the NE ELCA Synod Convention.

**Service Men and Women:** For all those serving our country and for the families of soldiers who were killed or injured, that they be healed in body and spirit.

***\*Please keep the office updated on the status of prayer requests.***

## **MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

\*Hand sanitizers are available throughout the church for your use.

\*If you are having trouble hearing the service, please ask an usher for a Sound Mate hearing device.

\*For large print bulletins, please contact the office.

\*Wheelchairs are available for your use in the church. Contact an usher or a council person for assistance.

\*First Aid kits are located in the kitchen, church office, and in the cupboard below the library book shelf by the narthex.

There is an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) located on the wall by the south bathrooms

**Pastor:** James Sells

**Youth & Program Director:** Tyler Johnson

**Church Council Members:**

Sue Lobsiger, Jerry Layher, DeeAnn Hartman, Linda Biel Karas, Melanie Van Blarcom, Ryan Bergsten, Karen Hitz, Dave Schram, Larry Rippe

**Council Duty April 7**

8:30 a.m.-David Schram, Larry Rippe

10:45 a.m.-Linda Karas

**Council Duty April 10**

7:00 p.m.-Need 1

**Council Duty April 14**

8:30 a.m.-Larry Rippe

10:45 a.m.-Ryan Bergsten, DeeAnn Hartman, Need 1

**Office Managers:** Desiree Stednitz, Jeanne Ralston

**Nursery Coordinator:** Needed

**Music Director:** Matt Hill

**Sunday School Superintendent:** Lynn Donahue

**Kitchen Coordinator:** Matt Anderson

**Custodial Needs:**

Property Team, Bill Schwarten

**Flowers & Bulletins:**

April, May, June-Jeanie Krambeck

**Altar Guild for April**

Lisa Roseland, Karen Hitz, Karen Jahn

**Lay Readers for April**

8:30 am-Deb Mindrup

10:45 am-Brenda Fleck

**Ushers for April**

8:30 am-Jim Haver/Larry Rippe/Rich Killingsworth

10:45 am-Joel Rainforth

**Acolytes for April 7**

8:30 am-Noelle Williams, Oliver Bitterman

10:45 am-Rhett Bergsten, Reagan Bergsten

**Acolytes for April 14**

8:30 am-Camden Parks, Sydney Malone

10:45 am-Zoe Schuka, Addie Schuka

**Sound Board Team**

April 7: Doug Ayer

April 14: Elliott Steinhoff

**Screen Team**

April 7: Anna or Lydia Stednitz

April 14: Jack Ralston

**Connectors/Welcome Station for April 7**

8:30 am-Alvin & JoAnn Glasshoff, Mark & Shelly Grimm

10:45 am-Karen Hitz, Kathy Iske, Jeremy & Julie Reece

**Connectors/Welcome Station for April 14**

8:30 am-Mark & Shelly Grimm, Linette Jahn

10:45 am-Bryan & Jeanne Ralston, Jean Schnack